

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 13, 2007

10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Patrick and Commissioner Terry Present

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda for March 13, 2007. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve payroll for March 16, 2007. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented for signature, a HOME grant payment request for rehabilitation services on a home located in Inman, Kansas in the amount of \$23,304.00. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the request as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for approval and signature, a Proclamation designating April 2007 as Fair Housing Month. The proclamation supports equal housing opportunities without exclusion for race, color, or national origin. Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Proclamation as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 10:10 a.m., Gary Hess, President of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the status and progress of an employment survey, which will soon be distributed to, and completed by employees of numerous McPherson Employers, including employees of McPherson County. Wichita State University is assisting the Chamber in processing and analyzing the data, which will be handled in a voluntary and confidential manner. Employees will be asked to answer questions regarding local issues, which include: affordable housing, health care, and skills training. A formal meeting of participating employers will take place on March 27, 2007 at Hospira, Inc. Surveys will be distributed within the next few weeks. At 10:20 a.m. Brad Leners, Director of Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request signature on the FY2008 Judicial District Prevention, Intervention, and Graduation Sanctions Block Grant Funding application. Mr. Leners presented information regarding programs and award amounts. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the application as requested. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye**

Mr. Witte presented the Audit Agreement between McPherson County and George, Bowerman and Noel, P.A. for the year ending December 31, 2006. Fees for auditing services total \$21,470.00. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting with a request to submit the annual application to the KDHE for the following grants: State Formula; Maternal and Child Health Programs including Maternal and Infant Program, Healthy Start Home Visitor Program and Child Health; Family Planning; HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing; Immunization Action Program. The amount of requested funds totals \$124,950.00. Ms. Hess presented and reviewed the application and proposed budget for grant funds. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the application as requested. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Old Mill Director, joined the meeting with two items:

1. A request to approve the bid from D&D Supply for roofing maintenance on the main museum building for an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00. Funds are available in the 2007 Old Mill budget. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
2. Commissioner Terry requested five (5) minutes in executive session, from 10:57 a.m. to 11:02 a.m., including Lorna Nelson and Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel at the Old Mill. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

At 11:04 a.m., Marvin Peters, Executive Director for MIDC, joined the meeting to announce the commencement of construction of the Viega expansion project and to introduce Nathan Spearman, Chief Financial Officer for Viega LLC. Mr. Spearman presented and reviewed the site plan for the main operating company, a 439,000 square foot facility to be located just south of Northview Road and west of the interstate. The completion date is expected within a period of 12 to 18 months. Viega plans to ultimately increase their number of McPherson employees by 200. A ground-breaking ceremony will take place March 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., Gerry Bley, Interim Director of Public Works, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on the agreement with American Steel Industries to purchase and complete the construction of a 78' by 60' pole barn for a total amount not to exceed \$53,500.00. Following a review of contract documents and specifications by Mr. Bley, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding for the purchase and construction of the pole barn is budgeted in the 2007 capital improvements fund.

Mr. Witte presented for signature a letter of support on behalf of Hospira, Inc. to increase the initially requested KEOIF grant amount by an additional \$18,000.00 due to the expansion of an additional project. Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:45 a.m. Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

Duane J. Patrick, Chairman

Harris Terry, Vice-Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng